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The Myth of the Blind Watchmaker

An unexpected discovery & the birth of the COVID-19 pandemic

This brief commentary has been placed on ResearchGate to serve as a record for posterity, in order to begin raising awareness about the conclusions it contains. A fuller and more formal analysis will ultimately replace it.

A more in-depth video discussion of these concepts is available here:

[The DRASTIC Report with Charles Rixey: Gigaohm Biological Information Brief](#)

An Abstract in 4 Key Points:

- Dr. Fauci and a few other senior scientists knew instantly that the discovery of HIV spike inserts within the SAR-CoV-2 viral genome made it almost impossible for the virus to be natural.
- They knew about the Furin cleavage site [FCS], the single biggest genomic contributor to SARS-CoV-2's ability to become a pandemic virus.
- They suppressed treatments that were already available – including the very fusion inhibitors implicated by the existence of the HIV inserts.
- Much of what has been done to combat the pandemic – especially here in the United States – has been the opposite of what would've been recommended, had all of the information been publicly known in early 2020.

It's Time to Rip Off the BAND-AID

I know why Dr. Fauci was so unsettled by the [Indian paper](#). Pradhan et al had found the HIV inserts, but they didn't know why they'd be there. Arkmedic felt that the inserts were tied to an antidote, but we knew that there were still missing pieces.

Here are some basic implications of what's been found:

- Dr. Fauci panicked when the HIV inserts were announced, because he knew they proved 'intelligent design'
- Dr. Fauci suppressed fusion inhibitors, despite knowing their early-treatment potential
- This was done despite the fact that Gallaher had invented this niche of therapeutics for CoV's
- By suppressing this info about the inserts - and about the FCS - Dr. Fauci kept medical professionals in the dark about how infectious the virus was, and how dangerous the potential long-term effects on the immune system might be
- The Chinese had even begun producing an aerosol form of newer forms of inhibitors, EK1 & EK1C4, which could offset the added danger of the Furin cleavage site to the lungs.
- Dr. Fauci did the opposite - **further suppressing** hydroxychloroquine, which could've also provided protection for the lungs when taken prophylactically [per J. Couey via GVB].

-Instead, Dr. Fauci took a slew of actions which simply insured that the pandemic would be even more devastating.

The Blind Watchmaker

Bill Gallaher is the missing piece. I knew there was more to his story, because of his publication of <https://virological.org/t/analysis-of-wuhan-coronavirus-deja-vu/357/3> on 1/31/20. He'd already announced the FCS & friends:

Analysis of Wuhan Coronavirus: Deja Vu

SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus | nCoV-2019 Evolutionary History



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I am preparing a 16,000 or so word analysis covering the outbreak and comparing several viral proteins of SARS and nCoV2019, in monograph form, to be published on Amazon Kindle within a few days.

I would note here two new findings.

1. nCoV2019 has a furin-sensitive motif at the traditional S1/S2 border for the spike protein, i.e. RRAR, that was lacking in SARS (which depends on cathepsin cleavage a few amino acids downstream). nCoV2019 lacks the secondary minimal furin cleavage site, i.e. RNTR, that is found in SARS. Therefore, the endoproteolytic cleavage pattern is expected to be different between nCoV2019 and SARS.
2. Prediction of O-glycosylation sites reveals a cluster of Serine residues, just before and after the RRAR cleavage site, with a high propensity to form a "mini-mucin" patch at that site. It is positioned to protect the putative fusion peptide region in the native or pre-fusion Swiss-Model projection of the probable nCoV2019 structure.

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How had a 75 year-old semi-retired scientist written an 80-page book on SARS-CoV-2's spike characteristics - including the FCS - before anyone else? He even called for the use of certain fusion inhibitors. This bothered me for many reasons, but Gallaher's staunch advocacy for a natural origin was even stranger once the 1/12/22 Congressional letter was published. In it, Robert Garry was strongly in favor of a lab origin [in opposition to his public stance as a co-author of "Proximal Origin" & to his own mentor's arguments in "Deja Vu." Garry worked for 30 years under Gallaher at LSU.]:

1/12/22 - [Letter Re. Congressional letter to Dr. Dr. Fauci, with unredacted Garry & Farzan comments](#)

This tells me that Garry didn't know that his mentor was building a natural origin narrative - certainly not at first. It also implies that Gallaher had talked to Dr. Fauci, or vice versa.

But what does that have to do with Pradhan et al being withdrawn/retracted?

1/30/20 - [Uncanny similarity of unique inserts in the 2019-nCoV spike protein to HIV-1 gp120 and Gag](#)

Dr. Fauci knew that the specific HIV inserts served the purpose of making the virus more susceptible to fusion inhibitors.

Even if Decroly et al are correct about the natural origins of the 1st 3 inserts, as argued here:

2/4/21 - [Tracing the origins of SARS-COV-2 in coronavirus phylogenies: a review](#)

...they couldn't account for the last piece of the puzzle - a puzzle that makes SARS-CoV-2 susceptible to fusion inhibitors. **Even if Dr. Dr. Fauci somehow didn't know about this functionality [which seems laughable], one of the authors of "Proximal Origin" did - Robert Garry, who worked with Bill Gallaher to invent the very first such inhibitor for SARS in 2003...**

Bill Gallaher had previously discovered the fusion & entry peptide of HIV-1 in 1987.

Paved with Good Intentions

[BMC Microbiol.](#) 2003; 3: 20.

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PMCID: PMC222911

PMID: [14499001](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/14499001/)

Cloaked similarity between HIV-1 and SARS-CoV suggests an anti-SARS strategy

[Yossef Kliger](#)¹ and [Erez Y Levanon](#)¹

In 2003, right after the SARS genome was published, Gallaher & Garry published the model of the SARS spike, noting the similarities to HIV:

5/1/03 - [SARS Model of the pre-insertion region of the Spike \[S2\] fusion glycoprotein of the human SARS-CoV: Implications for antiviral therapeutics](#)

Further elucidated here by Israeli scientists [this was the article that brought it all home for me]:

9/21/03 - [Cloaked similarity between HIV-1 and SARS-CoV suggests an anti-SARS strategy](#)

Further developments by Garry:

4/12/06 - [Inhibition of SARS-CoV infectivity by peptides analogous to the viral spike protein](#)

**Gallaher called for the use of such inhibitors in his monograph, but Dr. Fauci never followed this advice.

Why would he decline? Because calling attention to this vulnerability would naturally highlight the fact **that the inserts were unnatural**, which would make US grant support via NIH, USAID & DTRA linked to research that produced a potential pandemic pathogen [this was back when COVID-19 had killed a hundred people, not 6 million].

What other evidence supports this conclusion?

The DEFUSE documents, given to me last year, that DRASTIC leaked [with our own analysis] on

9/20/21 - [DRASTIC's Analysis of PREEMPT HR00111880017](#)

This highlighted EHA & the WIV's intent to insert human-specific furin cleavage sites into SARS-CoV's of concern.

The Chinese kept advancing the research in the area of fusion inhibitors:

4/12/19 - [A pan-coronavirus fusion inhibitor targeting the HR1 domain of human coronavirus spike](#)

The WIV magically discovered an even more potent inhibitor, EK1C4, and published it on

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3/30/20 - [Inhibition of SARS-CoV-2 infection by a highly potent pan-coronavirus fusion inhibitor targeting its spike protein that harbors a high capacity to mediate membrane fusion](#)

Some of the authors of the former paper collaborated with the WIV on the latter.

The WIV was also concurrently working on HIV vaccines, cancer therapies, etc. - which made them aware of developments in these areas. They knew, just as Gallaher had pointed out in 2003, that including enough of the HIV inserts to construct viable versions of gp120/gp41 sections that would allow them to use a peptide fusion inhibitor instantly to keep themselves safe. They'd even created an aerosol version, which is fortuitous since the standard intranasal spray would be less effective against SARS-CoV-2, which could attach to the lungs in far greater quantity due to the Furin cleavage site. Ralph Baric, as a frequent & direct collaborator with the NIAID's Vaccine Research Center & Moderna on CoV vaccine & therapeutic research, would also have been aware of such developments.

No matter how the 1st 3 inserts got into the genome, the WIV wanted to add the rest [at the very least] to make their antidote, as you said. Whenever Dr. Fauci learned of the inserts, he knew the virus was manipulated. Unlike everyone else, he knew of DEFUSE, too, and the '16 & '18 GOF 'accidents' in which EcoHealth Alliance reported gains of function in experiments conducted at the Wuhan Institute of Virology [later discovered in FOIA documents received by *The Intercept* and White Coat Waste Project]. He didn't just know they had to have been added - he knew exactly WHY they were added.

I can conceive of no justifiable reason Dr. Fauci could conjure up that could justify the suppression of this information. It's hard to express the magnitude of the impact his decisions had upon our ability to understand and respond to this pandemic. He lied to the American people; he lied to the President of the United States, aided and abetted by the President's own Science Advisor, Kelvin Droegemeier [I wrote of this last point a year ago, and the fact was later confirmed to me by Congressional investigators].

I've spent the last two years trying to understand where this pandemic came from, and why. Several thousand hours of research have taught me that we should never, ever reject the idea of intelligent design.

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For further information:

I previously laid out the collusion/conspiracy surrounding scientific censorship in

7/30/21 - [Who Watches the Watchmen? - Dr. Fauci's 'noble lie,' exposed](#)

as well as a dozen other articles.

I've collected more than a thousand references related to the origin investigation in my Excel file here:

[SARS-CoV-2 Origins Research Reference Project - 20220115](#)